Texas Health Trace Updates
for Local and Regional Users

This biweekly communication is intended to provide local and regional users of Texas Health Trace with useful information about recent and upcoming system enhancements and features.

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Major Accomplishments
- Probable Case Classification for Epi-linked Cases – The Probable Case Classification has been updated to no longer consider the question "Did you have close contact with someone with COVID or suspected in the past 2 weeks?" since this question is too broad to document Epi-linkage for the Probable Case Classification. Only Exposed Contacts that convert to a case will be considered sufficient evidence as Epi-linkage for the Probable Case Classification.
- Script for School Line List Import – Cases uploaded through the School Line List import tool will populate with the Initiate Case guided workflow. This update allows users to upload Cases that do not have lab evidence available upon import.
- Community Portal Translation Updates – The community portal of THT has been updated with Spanish translations to bring the text in line with English text.
- Automatic Closing of Inactive Cases – Weekly, Cases in THT that have not been modified in the past 60 days will be automatically moved to Case Status = Closed and assigned a Closure Reason = Auto Close.
- Travel Details – The collection of travel information has been updated. Details of travel have been hidden from Case Details page and pushed to the Travel Details object in the Case's Related tab. Travel information for historical records is available via Reports.

Latest Resources and Trainings
- 6/25/21 Release (Regional/Local Health Dept)
- 6/25/21 Release (Call Center)
- Contact Tracing FAQs

All training materials can be access by clicking on link ([Texas Health Trace Academy](#)). If you need your log-in details reset, please reach out to your RLHE Team Lead.

Lessons Learned
- RLHEs found it incredibly helpful after the jurisdictional alignment to know that they can create reports in THT that show the movement of Cases in and out of their Regional or Local Health Entity.
- Also, with the new address update, the RLHEs felt that they would lose important historical demographic information on their PUI when a new ELR came through and if the address was different, it would update the address to the new one. This is easily remedied by the RLHEs looking at the "person history" details for the previous address. Also, a report can be created that shows the new value of address and old value of the old address.

Open Issues

- Address Updates – Person record addresses are eligible for change by DSHS Lab Feed. THT staff has received feedback communicating concern over accepting updates to addresses. Throughout July, program staff will reach out to jurisdiction to find an agreeable way to process new address information coming into THT.

Plans for Next Sprint Cycle

- Jurisdiction Transfer Notification – Add a notification system for Cases transferred into a RLHE jurisdiction's ownership.
- Travel Updates – Modify the guided workflows to accommodate the travel updates implemented in the previous release. The process for importing Case records from non-THT systems will also be updated to accommodate the updated travel design.
- Fully Vaccinated Exposure Interviews – Update the Exposed Contact script to guide users through an abbreviated interview for fully exposed contacts.
- Auto-populate Address of Household Exposed Contacts – Auto-populate address information from the Case onto Exposed Contact records identified as household members.